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**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
ITEM No 19

Subject Authorize award and execution of a contract with ESSCO PUMPS AND CONTROLS INC Los Angeles CA for the purchase of two submersible pumps for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$109 518

Amount and Source of Funding Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006 2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached

**Additional Backup
Material**

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AWU_Fiscal Note

For More Information Steve Aden Supervising Sr Buyer 974 2021

Purchasing Language Sole bid received

MBE/WBE This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2 9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) No subcontracting opportunities were identified therefore no goals were established for this solicitation

The Lake Creek Lift Station of the Austin Water Utility (AWU) currently has three submersible pumps in service This contract is for the purchase of two submersible pumps for the lift station One of the two pumps included in the bid is needed to replace an older failing pump The useful life expectancy of these pumps can range from 10 to 15 years depending on the environment The pump that is being replaced has been in service for 12 years

The second pump is an additional pump that will allow firm pumping capacity of the lift station This pump will assist with the growth in the system and increased flows to the service area This will bring a total number of four pumps into operation at the Lake Creek Lift Station The fourth pump is also required to meet firm flow capacity as mandated by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) The lift station was originally designed with four slots to accommodate four submersible pumps Three pumps were immediately installed to meet the capacity of the service area at that time The fourth slot remained empty for future capacity needs The configuration of the fourth slot of the submersible pump was identical to the other three so that AWU could add one without additional re engineering and construction costs This saves time and costs but does restrict the type of pump that can be used in the available slot and the replacement pumps

The design and construction of the Lift Station was done based on the first low bidder of the project Once the original pumps were installed not just any product can replace the pumps due to the cost of reconfiguring the rails piping and mountings Essco brand pumps were specified in this solicitation since the original design for the lift station was based on the pump configuration provided by this manufacturer

MBE/WBE solicited 1/1 MBE/WBE bid 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS a Sole bid Essco the manufacturer is bidding direct therefore the distributors were unable to compete with Essco's level of direct pricing b Forty nine notices were sent including one MBE and one WBE Two solicitations were issued One bid was received with no response from the MBE/WBEs One No Bid was received c The pricing offered represents a 2% increase from the last purchase made in November 2006 for the Shoal Creek Lift Station

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a Sole bid received b The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommendation c Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet